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THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR

Bonn, January 30, 1959

Dear Friend:

I have recently attempted to write down my thoughts on the present political situation in the world. For the time being, the memorandum is meant only for you and I request you to read and study it during a quiet moment. I myself have again and again re-examined my thoughts and have come to the conclusion which I attempted to set forth in this statement. One thing I still must add. It is self-evident, but yet one must never forget it: the unity and determination of the West is the decisive condition for any success vis-à-vis communism and especially vis-à-vis Soviet Russia. The fact that in Soviet Russia, even after the death of Stalin, the group around Bulganin and Malenkov was removed shows, in my opinion, very clearly that things have still not by any means come to a real decision there. The attitude of the West, its unity and determination, will certainly have a decisive influence on the final development of the Russian question.

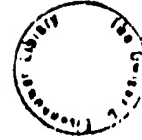
I hope that you are enjoying the best of health. In recent weeks my thoughts have been very much with you and with President Eisenhower, to whom I request you to present my compliments.

His Excellency
John Foster Dulles,
Secretary of State of the
United States of America,
Department of State,
Washington.

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With sincere greetings I am, as always,

Yours,

/s/ Adenauer

[Handwritten:] I have just received the news that you are coming. I am looking forward very much to a long talk with you.

Yours,

Adenauer

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